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Agricultural Summary: An overall increase in precipitation improved moisture supplies in portions of western Colorado. Precipitation was insufficient in other localities where drought conditions persist. Winter wheat harvest and hay cuttings were slowed in areas impacted by rains, although significant progress was made between precipitation events. Statewide, on average, farmers were allowed 6.3 days in the field for operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	34	46	20	0
Last Week	40	46	14	0
Last Year	45	33	22	0

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	49	40	11	0
Last Week	51	38	11	0
Last Year	52	35	13	0

Small Grains: Winter wheat matured rapidly last week, reaching 71 percent ripe. That is an increase of 26 percentage points from the previous week. Harvest of winter wheat progressed 28 percentage points, ending the week at 44 percent complete. Overall, condition ratings for winter wheat showed minimal changes from last week at 71 percent poor to very poor compared with 68 percent very poor to poor the week prior. Ninety-two percent of the barley crop was headed, compared with 98 percent last year and 92 percent on average. Eighteen percent of barley was turning color, behind 34 percent last year and the average of 33 percent. Virtually all spring wheat had reached the heading stage while 22 percent was turning color.

Row Crops: Twelve percent of the dry bean crop was flowering, compared with 19 percent last year and 18 percent on average. At 95 percent, planting of sunflowers was virtually complete by week's end. Eight percent of the corn crop was silked, behind 18 percent last year and 13 percent on average. Virtually all sorghum was emerged and 4 percent was headed.

SMALL GRAIN AND ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 14, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	10	14	29	42	5
Last Year	17	21	29	29	4
Spring Barley					
This Week	0	3	39	53	5
Last Year	0	2	26	67	5
Spring Wheat					
This Week	7	12	40	37	4
Last Year	1	4	26	63	6
Winter Wheat					
This Week	45	26	19	9	1
Last Year*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

*Crop harvested

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range conditions improved slightly from last week, with 68 percent rated very poor to poor. The week prior, 72 percent was rated very poor to poor. The current five-year average for very poor to poor is 35 percent. The first cutting of alfalfa was virtually complete at 97 percent. The second cutting of alfalfa was 29 percent complete.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 14, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2013	41	27	21	10	1
Prev. Year – 2012	39	35	22	4	0
5-Year Avg.	16	19	26	31	8

Livestock: Livestock condition ratings improved slightly from the previous week. Death losses remained at average levels for cattle and sheep. Overall, stored feed supplies remained rated as average for this time of year.

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Development Ratings for Week Ending July 14, 2013

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Alfalfa				
1 st Cutting	97	90	100	98
2 nd Cutting	29	13	53	31
Corn				
Silked	8	3	18	13
Dry Beans				
Flowered	12	2	19	18
Sorghum				
Emerged	95	82	96	92
Headed	4	2	9	13
Turning Color	-	N/A	-	3
Spring Barley				
Headed	92	82	98	92
Turning	18	7	34	33
Spring Wheat				
Headed	96	91	96	85
Turning	22	8	30	24
Sunflowers				
Planted	95	90	99	99
Winter Wheat				
Ripe	71	45	100	83
Harvested	44	16	99	52

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	20	16	26	33	5
Dry Beans	0	8	45	45	2
Dry Onions	0	1	20	70	9
Fall Potatoes					
San Luis Valley	0	1	46	53	0
All Other	0	1	65	33	1
Livestock	2	13	33	50	2
Sorghum	18	24	39	19	0
Sugarbeets	0	1	19	68	12
Sunflowers	1	17	57	25	0

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.